

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, March 28, 1726.

*The rest of Wye's Letter, March 19.*

**B**Y Letters from Constantinople we learn, That the Porte is come to an Accommodation with the young R. of Persia; That the Ottoman Troops are to abandon the Siege of Ispahan, and a good Number of them are to march from Asia into Europe, with a View to take Advantage of the present Juncture: Which has occasioned the Emperor to send strict Orders to the Governors of the strong Places in Hungary & Transylvania, narrowly to watch the People, &c. And as to the Czarina, she has taken a Resolution, as some Accounts from Peterburg say, of observing a perfect Neutrality with the Powers concerned in the Hanover Treaty, as most agreeable to her Interest under the present Situation. And perhaps the Poles may, on the same Accounts, think it their Interest to enter upon an amicable Accommodation of the Religious Grievances; tho' they are now said to be hardy and resolute, as rather determined to engage in a desperate War than comply with the just Demands of the Protestants.

We have in a Letter from Falkstone near Deal, this further Account of the Whale mentioned in our last, viz. It was taken by the Fishermen of that Place, who chased it with Fire Arms, and wounded it in so many Places with Musket Balls, that they found Means to fasten some Anchors in it, and to Tow it ashore. It is 50 Foot long, 9 Foot thick, the longest Fins 14 Foot long, and 3 and 1 half broad. The Tail from tip to tip 15 Foot, and from the Eyes to the tip of the Nose 13 Foot. It lived a considerable Time after it was brought ashore, the whole Countrey came to see it.

Yesterday the Commons took into Consideration the Petition of Daniel Campbell, Esq; and resolved, "That it appears there was a violent and outrageous Tumult at Glasgow, to prevent the Execution of the Acts for the Malt-duty in Scotland; "That during the said Riot, Mr. Campbell's House was broke into and ransacked; and that Satisfaction ought to be made him for his Damages and Losses."

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee for the Malt, That they receive a Clause for

applying towards the Encouragement of the Trade and Manufactures of Scotland, such Sums as shall be raised by the Duties on Malt, after £. 20,000 shall be raised and paid in to the Exchequer: As also, a Clause for explaining a Doubt that has arisen on the 7th Article of the Act concerning the Price of Ale called *Thimpeny Ale*: As also a Clause of Credit.

A Holland Mall is just arrived: 'Tis confirmed that the Turks make great Preparations for War.

This Day the Commons read a 1st Time the Bill for the better securing the Monies and Effects belonging to the Suitors of the Court of Chancery.

Last Night a dreadful Fire happened at the Hermitage Wapping, which consumed above 100 Houses, besides several Ships which lay on the Shore.

The Earl of Coventry's Son lately inoculated for the Small Pox is recovered.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, March 19.*

London, March 19. Yesterday between 12 and one in the Morning a terrible Fire broke out at Mr. Nicol's, a Sail-maker near the Hermitage-Bridge in Wapping, which burnt with great Fury for about 5 Hours, and consumed about 130 Houses, with 6 Vessels, which could not be got off being low Water. Several Persons, by the Fall of a Partition wall, perished in the Flames, among which two Firemen; 4 others, whose Lives were despaired of, were taken from under the Ruins of the same. The Damage must be very great, and happening in the dead of the Night, the Consternation, Confusion and Distress it occasioned, is not to be express'd.

Last Monday night the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Devon was married to Mrs. Howard, Daughter to Colonel Philip Howard, one of the Maids of Honour to her R. Highness.

Last Thursday a Woman big with Child hanged herself in her Handkerchief in Covent-garden Round house, where she had been committed for being with Child and not discovering the Father.

*The Answer of the States General to the Marquis de St. Philippe's Memorial. Copied from the Register of their High Mightinesses Resolution the 16th March 1726.*

**T**HE Report was heard of M. Lintelo and others, their High Mightinesses Deputies for Foreign Affairs, who, pursuant to their Commissorial Resolution

Resolution of the seventh of this Month, and in Execution of it, had examined the Memorial of the Marquis de St. Philippe Ambassador of Spain, renewing the Offer of his Majesty the King of Spain his Mediation, for accommodating the Differences between his Imperial Majesty and their High Mightinesses, on Account of the Commerce of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies; the whole being more amply set forth in the said Memorial, and in the Proceedings of the 7th of this Month.

Which having been taken into Deliberation, 'Tis thought good and resolved, that it shall be signified to the said Marquis de St. Philippe, for an Answer to his said Memorial, That their High Mightinesses, are Sorry, that without knowing it, they have given the Occasion of being deprived some Days longer of the Representations of the said Marquis de St. Philippe, than they would have been, had they answered the Letter with which his said Majesty has been pleased to honour them: That the Reason why they did not immediately answer the said Letter, was not so much because it was written in a Language, in which his Majesty and the Kings his Predecessors have not used to write to their High Mightinesses; nor because it was signed in the Manner the Kings of Spain usually sign the Orders they Issue to their Subjects, and not as they are accustomed to sign the Letters they write to Sovereign Princes and States, but was signed in quite another Manner than formerly his Majesty, as well as his most serene Predecessors, have always signed the Letters written to their High Mightinesses; two Formalities which their High Mightinesses could not help observing, as something extraordinary; imputing them however, rather to some Mistake of the Secretary's Office, than to any Intention to give Offence to the Republick: But that the true Reason of their High Mightinesses not answering the said Letter, was, that their High Mightinesses considered it was written much about the same Time, that their High Mightinesses, by their Resolution of the 24th of January this Year, answered Secretary Oliver's Memorials, the Substance of which was the same as the Contents of the said Letter; So that the said Resolution contains very near the same Answer, which they could have given to the said Letter; and therefore, their High Mightinesses are perswaded, that when that Resolution shall come to his Majesty's Knowledge, he will acquiesce in it: For as to what the said Letter contains more than Secretary Oliver's Memorials do, namely, a Declaration of the strict Engagements into which his Cath. Majesty is entred into with his Imp. Maje-

sty, to make on all Occasions, in all, and towards all, one common Cause with his Imp. Majesty; and of his Majesty's Determination to perform these Engagements: Their H. Mightinesses cannot look upon that Declaration otherwise than as a Warning which his Majesty has been pleased to give them, to the end they might reflect upon it, and take their Measures; his Majesty, as they suppose, not expecting an Answer upon that Declaration.

That what is here alledged being the true Reason, why their H. Mightinesses have not answered the said Letter, they are very glad to see that no other Inconvenience has resolved from it, but their receiving, some Days latter, the Representations contain'd in the Memorial which the Marquis de St. Philippe has presented to them.

That they have therein seen with a great deal of Pleasure, the new Assurances he gives them of his Majesty's sincere Intention and Zeal for the Preservation of the publick Tranquillity of Europe, and at the same Time, of his Friendship towards the Republick, as well as of his Exactness in observing the Treaties.

That their H. Mightinesses hope, and perswade themselves, That neither his Majesty nor any else, can have another Opinion of them than this, that they have as much at Heart the Preservation of the publick Quiet as any whosoever. That they can truly affirm, they rejoiced when they learnt that the Peace between his Imperial Majesty and his Catholick Majesty was concluded; without containing any Jealousy or taking any Umbrage: And for as much as his Catholick Majesty has vouchsafed to sacrifice some of his own Interests to the publick Tranquillity, they look upon that Sacrifice as an Effect of his Majesty's pacifick Temper, and as a most laudable Action; That they wish with all their Heart, this Peace together with the publick Quiet, may subsist a long Course of Years.

That it is not this Peace, nor the Treaty by which it was concluded that has given them some Disquiet; but that their Uneasiness proceeds from the Treaty of Commerce between his Imperial Majesty and his Catholick Majesty, and the Engagements which have followed upon that Peace; because thereby his Majesty has thought fit to sacrifice not only his own Interests, but likewise those of others, particularly those of the Republick, and this in a Point so essential and so sensible as is the Commerce of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies, which is to the extreme Prejudice of the Republick, as well with Respect to the Damage they suffer by it, as to the



Contravention resulting from it, to the Treaty of Munster, and to that which was concluded at Utrecht, between his Imperial Majesty and their Highnesses, the 26th of June 1724, which has the Treaty of Munster for its Basis.

*To be continued.*

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, March 22.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.*

People are impatient to know what will be the Result of the Grand Assembly that will shortly be held at Prague, of the Princes of the Empire, on the present Posture of Affairs; but there are good Grounds to hope, that they will be so influenced, particularly by the Vigour and Resolutions of the British Parliament, as to think it their Interest to come into Terms of Accommodation.

Mean Time the Stocks continue to fall, S. S. to 102, 1 half. Annuities 99, 14th. Admiral Hoffer set out in order to sail the first fair Wind with his Squadron to the West Indies. And we are assur'd another Squadron will sail very soon to the Mediterranean.

As to the Reconciliation between France and Spain, it must be very absurd for any to imagine, That the former can thereby be prevail'd upon to break off from her late Engagements, it being an Observation, that the Houses of Bourbon and Austria, are always jealous of each others Power; and it may be much questioned, whether any Reconciliation will be effected, for according to some Accounts from Madrid, the Marquis Grimaldo is under Disgrace for having inserted in his Project relating to the said Reconciliation, some Points to the Prejudice of the Emperor.

We have an Account from Maidstone, that on 14th Inst. Captain Wheeler Fletcher, of that Place cut his own Throat with a Razor, but the Wound was sowed up again, and the Wind Pipe not being penetrated, there is a Probability of his Recovery. It is not known what induced him to that unnatural Act, being very easy in his Fortune; but 'tis said he had some Days before received Orders to repair to his Post at Pottmahon.

Last Friday died at his Seat at Stoke-Charity near Winchester, Sir Peter Mew, Member of Parliament for Christ's Church in Hampshire, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Winchester.

Yesterday the Commons went into a Committee on the Malt-Bill; and the Clause relating to Scotland being read, Mr. Dundas, the late Advocate, proposed only Three Halfpence per Bushel on the

Malt in Scotland, which he believed would raise the 20000 l. being the Sum proposed, and satisfy the People. Upon which a Great Man answered, That it appeared by what that Gentleman observed, that we must do what they lik'd, or they would not be quiet; but as they had been used with so much Candour and Tendernefs, it was high Time to be easy. Another Scotch Gentleman said, that Three Halfpence would never raise the 20000 l. and believ'd the People would be very easy in paying Three Pence per Bushel, as before, considering the Overplus was granted to encourage the Trade and Manufactures. Upon which it carried for Three Pence per Bushel.

Letters from Rome of 9th Instant intimate, that the Chevalier de St. George was next Month to undertake a Journey to Venice. From Petersburg, That the Czarina has ordered her whole Fleet to be equipp'd, the Troops to be ready to march by the Beginning of next Month, and 28,000 Men to advance towards Petersburg, besides the 15,000 already at Cronstot. From Vienna, That the Ambassador of Portugal in his first Audience with the Emperor, imparted something of great Importance, such as the Court have not yet thought fit to make publick. Yesterday the Marquis of Graham landed at Dover, and was met by his Father the Duke of Montrose. Captain Taylor of the Delight Sloop, has contracted with the Government for 40 Guineas, to bring over Blewet, Dickson, and Berry, the 3 notorious Villains from Holland, and several Officers are going over to conduct them hither.

This Day the Commons ordered an Account to be laid before them of the neat and gross Produce of the several Branches of the Civil-List Revenues for 10 Years past, with all Deduction for Charges or Management, on any Account whatsoever. Ordered the Bill to prevent vexatious Arrests to be engrossed, after some Debates; wherein it was argued by some, that it would be a great Prejudice to many Officers and others depending upon the Law. In Answer to which Mr. Carey said, That both Law and Officers wanted to be amended.

The Lady Townshend is ill of the Small Pox.

*From the Flying Post, March 22.*

London, March 22. Saturday last arrived a Mail from Holland, but brought nothing material, except an Article from Madrid of the 4th Instant, with Advice, that the Duke de Riparda has again assur'd our Minister at that Court, That his Catholick Majesty continues resolved, not to recede from his Demand about Gibraltar and Portmahon. 'Tis said the Earl of Dumbarton, a Scots Nobleman



man, is to go with a publick Character to the Court of the Czarina.

The Morocco Ambassador is about to return home.

Edinburgh, March 28. Saturday last the Corpse of the Lord Cullen was interred in the Gray Friars.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

¶ That the Lands of EYE, being a Forty-shilling Land of old Extent, holding Blanche of the Crown, paying 122 Bolls Victual of yearly Rent; having a convenient House, Office-houses and Yards, lying in the Parish of Fern and Shire of Ross, within 4 Miles of the Bay of Cromarty and 3 Miles of Tayne: Is to be exposed to Sale, by Charles Robt the Proprietor, upon the 20th of April next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 6 in the Afternoon, in the House of Bailie Alexander Stuart in Tayne. The Rental, Conditions of the Roup, and Inventar of the Progress of Writs are to be seen there, and in the Hands of Mr. Hugh Dallas, Sheriff-clerk of Ross, at Portrose.

¶ That there is a COUNTRY-HOUSE at Damhead, a large Mile Westward of Edinburgh, in the West-Kirk Parish; consisting of a large Kitchen, 3 Fire-rooms, 2 Closets, a Cellar and Stable, a large Garden, and Grass for one Cow: To be set, and the Entry to be at present, or when they please. Enquire at William Lizars at the Head of Halkerston's Wynd.

¶ That, by Warrant of the Managers of the Creditors of GEORGE FRAZER Brewer, there will be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntar Roup, in the Laigh Coffee house, on Friday the first Day of April next to come, between the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Feu belonging to the said George Frazer near the Gibbet; consisting of a Brewery, Brewing looms, Yard and Inclosure, Houses and other Conveniences, all inclosed with Dyke and Hedge; being about 1 Acre of Ground or thereby, and paying an easy Feu-duty. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of ROBERT SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, who is infest therein for the Behoof of the Creditors, and is to be found at Sir John Dalrymple Clerk his Office, over against the Luckenbooths.

¶ There is a Piece of SILVER PLATE, Fifteen Pound Sterl. Value, set out by the Right Honourable the Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Tuesday the 26th of April next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners. This Course is to be four times round, & each Horse is to carry 8 Scots Stone Trois Weight, Whip, Saddle and Bridle being Part of the Weight. They are to be at Peebles Three free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves instantly entred by the Town-clerk, giving up the Colour of their Horses, and Names of the Riders. They are to be free of all In-puts. No Grossing or Jostling to be allowed. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town-clerk's Hands. THERE IS likewise another Piece of Silver Plate, Twenty Pound Sterling Value, set out by the fore-said Right Honourable Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Thursday the Fifth of May also next, in Heats the best of Three, three

times round each Heat, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners, each Horse to carry 8 Scots Stone: Trois Weight, Whip, Bridle and Saddle being part of the Weight. The Horses are to be at Peebles Ten free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves entred Five Days before the Course, giving up the Colour of these Horses and Names of their Riders, and paying in each two Guineas of In-puts. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town-clerk's Hand. N.B. Whatever Horses come in timeously to the first Plate, and continue in the Burgh, are privileged to run at the next Plate in Terms of the Articles: But such other Horses as run not at that free Plate, are to be in Ten free Days before the May Plate, otherwise they'll not be allowed to run. THERE IS yet farther a Piece of Silver Plate, Four Guineas Value, to be run for on Friday the 6th of May: And the Articles whereof may be adjusted by the Magistrates.

Excise Office, Edinb. March 31, 1726.

By Order of the COMMISSIONERS of Excise.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the 8th Year of Her late Majesty Queen ANNE; all Persons whatsoever making CANDLES for Sale, or not for Sale, are obliged to give Notice in Writing, at the next Excise Office, of the Places, &c. where they make such Candles, (unless they compound for the Duty thereof) to the end that the proper Officers may take an Account of the Candles by them so made, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds sterling. Also by an Act made in the 10th Year of Her said late Majesty, all Persons who shall Print, Paint, Stain, or Dye any SILKS, CALLICOES, LINEN, or STUFFS, (other than such as shall be dyed throughout of one Colour only, or whereof the greatest Part, in Value, shall be Woollen) are obliged to give Notice in Writing, at the next Office for the same Duties, of their respective Names and Places of Abode, and of the Place or Places where they print, paint, stain or dye, &c. under the Penalty of Thirty Pounds sterling.

And by an Act made in the 10th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, no Person whatsoever is to roast any COFFEE BERRIES, at any Place or Town, but such only as are publicly appointed for that Purpose by the COMMISSIONERS of Excise, under the Penalty of Forfeiture of all such Coffee berries, and Five Shillings for every Pounds weight.

Now the COMMISSIONERS being informed, That many Persons not only have made, but continue to make Candles, without giving such Notice as aforesaid, to the great Detriment of the fair Trader, who pays Duty for the same; as also, That many Persons continue to print, paint, stamp or dye Silks, Calicoes, Linens, &c. without giving due Notice as aforesaid, and to roast Coffee-berries, contrary to Law: This is to give Notice to all Persons concerned, That unless they forthwith yield Obedience to the Laws in these Matters, they will (whenever discovered) be prosecuted in the strictest Manner the Law admits of.

Nota. The only Person appointed in North Britain for roasting of Coffee, is James Muirhead, Coffee-house Keeper in Edinburgh.

Signed by Order of the saids COMMISSIONERS,  
RICH. DODSWELL, Secretary.

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